

2007 Retirement Application

Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund 150 West Market Street, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2809



Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund

Dear Retiring Member:

Congratulations and thank you for your service to Indiana students. This booklet contains all of the information necessary for us to process your retirement through the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF).

This process requires making many important decisions, some of which will affect the rest of your life. Generally, these are permanent decisions that cannot be reversed after your retirement date. The application process takes approximately 60-90 days after your retirement date; however you may begin receiving estimated payments once your portion of the application is processed by our office.

If after reviewing this booklet you need additional assistance, we recommend reviewing our Member Handbook, which is available on our website at www.in.gov/trf or scheduling a retirement counseling session with one of our staff. You may schedule an appointment by calling our office directly at (317) 232-3860 or toll free (888) 286-3544 or through our website.

We wish you the best and look forward to assisting you throughout the retirement process.

Sincerely,

Cristy S. Wheeler Executive Director

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GENERAL DIRECTIONS

- Complete and return Part I, in black or blue ink <u>only</u>. Applications completed in pencil or other colors will be returned because they are not readable by our scanning equipment. The use of white out is acceptable providing you initial each correction as well as any other corrections made to the form.
- Birth Certificates We must have a copy of your birth certificate or equivalent documentation. If you designate a co-survivor, you must also provide the co-survivor's birth certificate. The following are acceptable forms of proof of birth:
 - ➤ A copy of a Certificate of Birth Registration signed by the health officer of the city, county or state where the birth occurred;
 - ➤ A copy of a valid United States of America Passport;
 - An executed Proof of Birth affidavit which can be found on our website and a copy of a driver's license or photo identification card issued by the state; or
 - > Other proof of birth may be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- Retirees age 70 or older may not choose options ASA 5 or ASA 6, unless currently working in a covered position.
- Social Security Integration You must submit a copy of your current Social Security statement for age 62 to calculate your benefit. This does not apply if you are age 62 or older or applying for a disability retirement.
- Remove Part II and give to your employer(s).
- Upon qualification and application for retirement benefits, credited service and monies are transferable from the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF).
- Delayed Retirement Please indicate a delayed date of retirement if you are not age eligible on your last service day.
- There <u>must</u> be a minimum of ninety (90) days of separation from service if you choose to reemploy in a TRF or PERF covered position. The 90 day separation period is measured from your retirement date. Any retirement benefits you receive during this period <u>must</u> be repaid.
- When selecting your beneficiary(s), please know any previous beneficiary designations will be replaced with those listed on this application. If no beneficiary selection is made it will default to your estate.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS (Continued)

• When a **non-spouse** co-survivor is named, the minimum distribution requirement will not be satisfied as of the date distributions commence unless the payments to be made to the member on and after retirement satisfy certain conditions (*See* IRS Bulletin 2004-26 I.R.B.). Namely, the periodic payment payable to the survivor must not at any time on and after the member's retirement exceed a percentage adjusted by the age differential between the member and co-survivor as described by the IRS. Because TRF allows for non-spouse co-survivors, two of our options might violate this rule depending on the ages of the member and the non-spouse co-survivor (100% and 66%.). The 50% (B3) option would not violate the rule because the applicable percentage never goes lower than 52% according to the IRS table. In order that the minimum distribution requirement of the IRS is not violated, the following procedure should be used when a non-spouse co-survivor is designated:

Non-spouse as co-survivor

- (1) If the non-spouse co-survivor is older than the member at the time of retirement, then the member may choose B1, B2, or B3 option.
- (2) If the non-spouse co-survivor is not more than 10 years younger at the time of retirement, then the member can choose B1, B2, or B3.
- (3) If the non-spouse co-survivor is more than 10 years younger at the time of retirement, then the following analysis must be made:
 - (a) Determine age of member during calendar year;
 - (b) Determine age of co-survivor during calendar year;
 - (c) (Member age co-survivor age) (70 member age);
 - (d) If the age difference is 24 or less, but more than 10, then the member can select the B2 or B3 option;
 - (e) If the age difference is more than 24, then the member can select only the B3 option.

Remember this procedure only applies when a non-spouse co-survivor is designated.

For additional information or assistance, please contact our office. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS PART I

Mandatory Forms

- 1. Proof of Birth for the applicant and the co-survivor (if applicable)
- 2. Application for Direct Deposit
- 3. Substitute Federal Tax Withholding Form

Optional Forms

- 1. Monthly State Tax Withholding
- 2. State Tax Withholding for ASA distribution

State Form 23226 (R19/11-00)

PRIVACY NOTICE

Your Social Security number is requested by this agency pursuant to the requirements of Internal Revenue Code 3405. Disclosure is mandatory. This form will not be processed without required information.

PAGES 1-7 OF THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED

MEMBER INFORMATION									
Last Name			First Name			MI	TRF	Number	
Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Teleph (none Number	Email	Addres	S			
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Current Street Address			City		State		Zip		
If Moving, Future Address	SS				Antici	pated	Move D	Date	
What School Corporation	are you		s your last	Date of					ete if
retiring from?		day of service?		you are not age eligible on your last service day)					
Are you applying for regular retirement (most common)?									
Age 65 with 10 or more year	ars of creditable so	ervice, aş	ge 60 with 15 or			ditable	e		
service or age 55 if age and	creditable service	e total a i	minimum of 85 (Rule of 8	5).				
Are you applying for early									
Age 50-59 and a minimum	15 years of credit	able serv	vice and do not m	neet the R	ule of 8:	5.			
Are you applying for a sec									
Returned to teaching while	receiving a benef	it and ap	plying for a seco	nd retirer	nent.				
Is this a <u>disability</u> retirem				h1.d.a.d		م د دا اد	1		
Members with 5 or more ye Social Security Administration				ibled as d	etermine	ea by t	ne		
Are you age 70 or over an		<u> </u>							
If yes, what would you l	_	retireme	ent date?						
Have you ever been emplo	oyed in a position	 1 covered	d by PERF?						
If yes, please indicate th	-		=						
Service Years	Loca	ıtion							

ELECTION OF PENSION BENEFIT

				X" in the appropriate be in which benefits beg		ur selection i	s irrevocable and cannot
	A-1 5 Year Certain & Life (Regular form of Retirement)				payments, the benteed payments. M	eficiary will i lembers selec	mber dies before receive the remainder of cting this option must
	A-2 Straight Life				ne member. A mir Annuity Savings	imum amour Account balar	
A-3 Modified Cash Refund + 5 Year Certain & Life			Lifetime benefit to the member. In the event the member dies before receiving 5 years of payments, the beneficiary will receive the remainder of the 5 years of guaranteed pension payments. The Annuity Savings Account is reduced with each monthly benefit paid; if the member dies before reducing this balance to \$0.00, the beneficiary will receive a single payment of the amount remaining. This pension option is only available with the ASA 1 or ASA 7. Members selecting this option must designate beneficiary selections below.				
	B-1 100% Co-Survivor Benefit			Lifetime benefit to the the designated qualification monthly benefit for the qualified co-survivor option must designate the control option option must designate the control option option must designate the control option opti	ied co-survivor w he remainder of the see the general d	ill receive 10 neir life. For a irections. Me	0% of the member's an explanation of a
B-2 66 2/3% Co-Survivor Benefit			Lifetime benefit to the member. Guarantees upon the death of a member, the designated qualified co-survivor will receive 66 2/3% of the member's monthly benefit for the remainder of their life. For an explanation of a qualified co-survivor see the general directions. Members selecting this option <u>must</u> designate a co-survivor below.				
B-3 50% Co-Survivor Benefit			Lifetime benefit to the member. Guarantees upon the death of a member, the designated co-survivor will receive 50% of the member's monthly benefit for the remainder of their life. Members selecting this option <u>must</u> designate a co-survivor below.				
	1 or A-3 only				T		
Full Na	ame of Beneficiar	y	Socia	al Security Number	Date of Birth	Relationshi	p Primary
							Secondary
Full Na	ame of Beneficiar	y	Socia	al Security Number	Date of Birth	Relationshi	p Primary Secondary
Full Na	ame of Beneficiar	y	Socia	al Security Number	Date of Birth	Relationshi	p Primary Secondary
For R	1 R-2 or R-3 only	17					
For B-1, B-2, or B-3 only Full Name of Co-Survivor Soci			al Security Number	Date of Birth		Relationship	
Turryume of co burvivor			Dut of Diffi				
In add	ition to your pens			hoose <u>one</u> designation			
	Social						benefits with the Social
:	Security	•		its. TRF pays a larger r	•	•	•
In	itegration		•	nts may be greatly redunated monthly Social S		•	
YES	the amount of your benefit received from Social Security. If yes, you <u>must</u> submit a copy of your most recent Social Security statement						

ELECTION OF ANNUITY SAVINGS ACCOUNT (ASA	EL	ECTION	OF ANN	UITY SAY	VINGS	ACCOUNT ((ASA)
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Choose <u>one</u> option below by placing an "X" in the appropriate box. Generally, your selection is irrevocable and cannot be changed after the first day of the month in which benefits begin.										
	ASA 1 (Formerly Alt I)	I ele not i will mon	I elect to receive the total amount of my ASA paid as a monthly benefit. I understand I will not receive any distribution other than this monthly amount. By choosing this alternative, I will combine the monthly pension with my ASA. This will allow me to receive a higher monthly benefit payment.							
	ASA 2 (Formerly Alt II-A)		ect to have the total amount o	•	nandatory Federal	Income Tax				
	ASA 3 (Formerly Alt II-B)	I ele to an an a	Withholding) paid directly to me. I elect to have ALL of the taxable portion of my ASA paid in the form of a Direct Rollover to an IRA or qualified Retirement Plan. I elect to receive a distribution paid directly to me of an amount equal to my tax basis (after-tax contribution) in my ASA balance as it existed on							
	ASA 4 (Formerly Alt II-C)	I ele to an of an on I director	December 31, 1986. You <u>must</u> indicate your IRA or Qualified Plan information below. I elect to have PART of the taxable portion of my ASA paid in the form of a Direct Rollover to an IRA or a Qualified Retirement Plan. I elect to receive a distribution paid directly to me of an amount equal to my tax basis (after-tax contribution) in my ASA balance as it existed on December 31, 1986. Additionally, the part of the taxable portion of the distribution not directly rolled over (less mandatory Federal Income Tax Withholding) will be paid directly to me. You <u>must</u> indicate your IRA or Qualified Plan information below.							
	ASA 5 (Formerly Alt IV-A)	I ele inve char	Partial Rollover amount (Minimum \$500)							
	ASA 6 (Formerly Alt IV-B)	my A of m same	I elect to receive a distribution of an amount equal to my tax basis (after-tax contribution) in my ASA balance as it existed on December 31, 1986 and defer distribution of the remainder of my ASA until a later date. My account will continue to be invested with TRF under the same guidelines applicable to an ASA. I understand changes to the allocation strategy of my ASA may be made quarterly. You must designate a beneficiary below.							
	ASA 7 (Formerly Alt III)	I elect to receive a distribution of an amount equal to my tax basis (after-tax contribution) in my ASA balance as it existed on December 31, 1986. The remainder of my ASA will be paid as a monthly benefit. By choosing this option, I will combine the monthly pension with the remainder of my ASA so I may receive a higher monthly benefit payment.								
	SA 5 or ASA 6 only ame of Beneficiary		Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Relationship	Primary Secondary				
Full Name of Beneficiary			Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Relationship	Primary Secondary Secondary				
Full Name of Beneficiary Social Security Number				Date of Birth	Relationship	Primary Secondary				
For AS	SA 3 or ASA 4 only	7								
Individual Retirement Account or Qualified Retirement Plan account information I acknowledge the designated plan is an IRA or Qualified Retirement Plan with provisions allowing it to accept direct rollovers on my behalf. TRF should make the direct rollover check payable to:										
	Name	of IF	A Company as tr	ustee of	Member's N	Jame				

ELECTION OF ROLLOVER ACCOUNT

	[I have not created a Rollo	ver Account by r	olling funds in	to TRF.				
be char	Choose one option below by placing an "X" in the appropriate box. Generally, your selection is irrevocable and cannot be changed after the first day of the month in which benefits begin. A Rollover Account is created by rolling funds from an IRA, 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan, a 403 (b) Annuity or another Qualified Retirement Plan into TRF.								
	Rollover 1	I elect to receive the total of my Rollover Account as a monthly benefit. I understand I will not receive any distribution from my Rollover Account other than this monthly amount. By choosing this option, I will combine the monthly pension with my Rollover Account to receive a higher monthly benefit payment.							
	Rollover 2	I elect to have the total amount of Withholding) paid directly to me.	my Rollover Acco	ount (less mandat	ory Federal Income Tax				
	Rollover 3	I elect to have my Rollover Account paid in the form of a direct rollover to an IRA or a Qualified Retirement Plan. You <u>must</u> complete your IRA or Qualified Plan information below.							
	Rollover 4	I elect to have PART of my Rollover Account paid in the form of a direct rollover to an IRA or Qualified Retirement Plan. Also, the part of the taxable portion of the distribution not directly rolled over (less mandatory Federal Income Tax Withholding) will be paid directly to me. You must complete your IRA or Qualified Plan information below. Partial Rollover Amount (Minimum \$500)							
	Rollover 5	I elect to defer distribution of my Rollover Account until a later date. My account will continue to be invested with TRF under the same guidelines applicable to a Rollover Account. I understand I may change the allocation strategy of the Rollover Account quarterly. Distribution <u>must</u> begin no later than the calendar year in which you reach age 70 ½. You <u>must</u> designate beneficiary below.							
For Ro	ollover 5 only		•						
Full Name of Beneficiary Social Security Number Date of Birth Relationship Primary Secondary					· =				
Full Na	ame of Beneficiar	y Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Relationship	Primary Secondary				
Full Na	ame of Beneficiar	y Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Relationship	Primary Secondary				
For Ro	ollover 3 & Rollov	ver 4 only	•						
Individual Retirement Account or Qualified Retirement Plan account information I acknowledge the designated plan is an IRA or Qualified Retirement Plan with provisions allowing it to accept direct rollovers on my behalf. TRF should make the direct rollover check payable to:									
		as tr	ustee of						
Name of IRA Company Member's Name									

** RE-EMPLOYMENT NOTICE **

If you have not reached the Social Security normal retirement age and you return to work in a position covered by either TRF or PERF, Indiana pension law requires that your TRF pension benefit be suspended for the remainder of the fiscal year once you have earned \$35,000 of compensation whether or not the compensation is actually paid in that fiscal year. Should you reemploy in a position covered by TRF or PERF, you must notify TRF of your reemployment.

<u>Note</u>: If you reemploy in a covered position within 90 days of your retirement date, your retirement benefits will stop and your retirement will be void. Any benefits distributed <u>must</u> be repaid to TRF.

AFFIRMATION

I affirm I am the above named applicant. I have personally prepared this application and carefully read and understand the questions and answers. All information is complete and true and no material fact has been concealed or omitted there from and said answers are made for presentation to the Board of Trustees of the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund in making claim for a retirement benefit to be made payable to me pursuant to Indiana Code, section 5-10.2 and section 5-10.4.

Printed Name of Member Signature of Member Date

NOTARY CERTIFICATION

State of		
SS:		
County of		
Before me the undersigned, a Notary Public for		
	Officer's county	of residence
State of, personally appeared	ed	
	Name of	person
And they, being first duly sworn by me upon their oath. Signed and sealed this day of	•	
	(Signature)	
	1	Printed or typed name of officer
My commission expires:		

(SEAL)

APPLICATION FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT

State Form 47144 (R3 / 01-02) Approved by State Board of Accounts 2002

INDIANA STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

150 West Market Street, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2809 (888) 286-3544 / www.in.gov/trf

Member's Name	
TRF Number	

A trust is deemed to be in effect by the operation of this instrument in the periodic transfer of funds by the payor to the financial organization acting as trustee for the lifetime benefit of the payee to retain and to revert to the payor the funds transferred after the death of the payee. This instrument is governed by the Indiana law and enforceable under the jurisdiction of the State of Indiana. Social Security numbers are requested by this state agency in accordance with the requirements of IRS Code 3405. This form will not be processed without this information.

If you do <u>not</u> wish to participate in direct deposit, check this box

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Full Name of payee	•	TRF Nu			Security I	
Street Address	New Address	City	Stat	e Zip	Code	Telephone Number
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This section must be completed by any person other than the payee who will or may have access to the account into which the TRF benefit will be deposited, such as including but not limited to a person designated a power of attorney, a guardian or conservator, or a joint owner of the account. All such persons who have such access do hereby agree, as evidenced by their signatures, to notify the Bank and TRF of the payee's death promptly and further agree to be held liable for any amounts due to be returned to TRF from the deposit account after the payee's death.						
Name of Authorized Person	Authorizat	tion Signature	Date S	igned	Soci	al Security Number
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Routing Number (ABA Number)			Account Nu	mber		
Type of Account Savings	Checking					
List all names on the Account			Name and A	Address o	f Financi	ial Organization
Signature of Payee			Date Signed			

This section is mandatory and must be submitted with your application

Substitute Federal Tax Withholding Form (For Fixed Monthly Amount)

MUST USE BLACK OR BLUE INK

Full Name	Social Security Number				
Street Address 7		TRF Number			
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number () -		
I authorize the Indiana State Teachers' Retirementhe following dollar amount each month as feder	I &				
Member's Signature		Date			
This form is required for retirement processing. Please consult a qualified tax professional if you have questions regarding the tax status of your retirement.					

If you would like Indiana State tax withheld, please complete this section

Annuitant's Request for State Income Tax Withholding WH-4P Revised 10/04

The Indiana State Income Tax Rate is 3.4%

Full Name	Social Security Number				
Street Address					
City	State	Zip Code			
Annuity Contract Claim Number of Identification Numb					
I authorize the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fu following dollar amount each month for stat	\$				
I hereby request voluntary State Income Tax Withholding from my annuity or pension payments					
Member's Signature	Date				

If you choose to receive a total distribution of your Annuity Savings Account and would like to have Indiana State tax withheld, please complete this form.

Annuitant's Request for State Income Tax Withholding FORM WH-4P Revised 10/04

MUST USE BLACK OR BLUE INK

Full Name	Social Security Number					
Street Address						
City	State	Zip Code				
Annuity Contract Claim Number of Identification Number (TRF Number)						
I authorize the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund to withhold the following dollar amount each month for state tax withholding:						
I hereby request voluntary State Income Tax Withholding from my annuity or pension payments						
Member's Signature	Date					
This form is optional for retirement processing. Please consult a qualified tax professional, if you have questions regarding the tax status of your retirement.						

APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS PART II

INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit the following information within 30 days of the teacher's last day of service:

- o A description of your current retirement incentive program
- o Copy of 06-07 contract
- o Complete the employer verification report on the following pages (retiring teachers will not receive their final benefit calculation until after this portion is received in our office).
- o Fax to (317) 233-0914 or send via US Mail to:

Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund 150 West Market Street, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

SECTION 1 (MEMBER PORTION) Member's Name **Social Security Number TRF Number SECTION** (EMPLOYER VERIFICATION) Additional/Lost Additional/Lost **Summer Summer School Salary Earnings School Contract Earnings School Earnings Specific Reason** Paid (show + or -)Year Salary **Dates** (show + or -)(not including (P31 Report) (Stipend is to general) summer school) (mm/dd/yy) From То \$ 1999-00 \$ From To \$ \$ То From \$ \$ 2000-01 \$ From To \$ \$ \$ То \$ From \$ 2001-02 То From \$ \$ \$ \$ From То \$ \$ 2002-03 To From \$ \$ \$ \$ To \$ From \$ 2003-04 \$ \$ From То \$ \$ \$ From To \$ 2004-05 From To \$ \$ \$ \$ From То \$ \$ 2005-06 То From \$ \$ \$ То From \$ \$ \$ 2006-07 \$ То \$ From \$

PART II (Continued)

Member's Name	
TRF Number	

Are there	Are there contract amounts higher than the years indicated above? If so, please provide the information below:										
School Year	Contract Salary Paid (P31 Report)		Additional/Lost Earnings (show + or -) (not including summer school)		Additional/Lost Earnings Specific Reason (Stipend is to general)		Sc D	Summer School Dates (mm/dd/yy)		Summer School Earnings (show + or -)	
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	\$	\$		\$				From	From To		\$
				\$					From To		\$
Does the 1999-00 P31 Report above include any amount actually earned prior to July 1, 1999, but paid July 1999 or later from regular contract, summer school or other? YES NO Regular Contract \$ Summer School/Other \$ Does the 2006-07 P31 Report above include any amount actually earned prior to July 1, 2006, but paid July 2006 or later from regular contract, summer school or other?											
	~ ~ ~	NO	· ·	ar Contrac		•	Summ	er School/C)the	r \$	
Is the employee in the "96 Plan"? Does the employer pay the employee contributions? YES NO Contributions: Date the school began paying employ contributions:							aying employee				
Quarter 2006-07			pa	Contributions Volume paid Post-by Employer Contrib		-Tax	Tax Pre-Tax		Days Worked		
1 st Qtr.	\$		\$		\$		\$	\$			
2 nd Qtr.	\$		\$		\$	4		\$ \$			
3 rd Qtr.	\$		\$		\$		\$;		
4 th Qtr.	\$		\$		\$		\$ \$				
Additional Comments/Reported Earnings or Contributions:											
Member's Full Name				Memb	Member's Social Security Number			Member's TRF Number			
Member's Last Day of Service				TRF I	TRF Employing Unit Number			(County		
Employer Phone Number Employer Fax Numb				nber	er Employer Email Address						
() - () -											
Employer Address											
I hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury, according to official records, the above information is true and accurate											
Employer Contact Name (Printed)				Emp	Employer Contact Signature						

Special Tax Instructions

Federal Withholding

All Retirees <u>must</u> fill out Substitute Federal Withholding Form (Page 10).

State Withholding

State Withholding on monthly pension payments is optional. If a retiree would like to have money withheld for Indiana State Income Tax purposes, the retiree should fill out Form WH-4P. Members <u>must</u> list their Social Security number or Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF) number as well as an exact dollar amount to withhold each month (Page 10).

Note: Retirees who do <u>not</u> reside in Indiana should not fill out Form WH-4P. TRF is only able to deduct for Indiana taxes. If you reside out of state, you will not owe Indiana tax.

ASA 2 or ASA 4

Retirees who elect to receive any taxable portion of the Annuity Savings Account (ASA) may withhold Indiana State Income Tax even though Indiana withholding on total distribution payments is optional. Members should complete Form WH-4P for total distribution payments. Members <u>must</u> list their Social Security number or Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF) number as well as an exact dollar amount to withhold each month (Page 11).

ASA 5 or ASA 6

- Under current IRS regulations, members are required to receive distributions from your Annuity Savings Account (ASA) by April 1st if:
 - 1 You reached age 70 ½ in the previous calendar year; or
 - 2 You reached age 70 ½ in the calendar year in which you retire.

The Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund strongly recommends if you have questions regarding tax consequences for retirement options, you should consult a qualified tax consultant.

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE REGARDING PLAN PAYMENTS UNDER GOVERNMENTAL 401(a) PLANS

This notice explains how you can continue to defer federal income tax on your retirement savings in the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF) and contains important information you will need before you decide how to receive your Plan benefits.

This notice is provided to you by [The Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF)] because all or part of the payment that you will soon receive from the Plan may be eligible for rollover by you or your Plan Administrator to an IRA or an eligible employer plan. A rollover is a payment by you or the Plan Administrator of all or part of your benefit to another plan or IRA that allows you to continue to postpone taxation of that benefit until it is paid to you. Your payment cannot be rolled over to a Roth IRA, a SIMPLE IRA, or a Coverdell Education Savings Account (formerly known as an education IRA). Note, however, that for a distribution made after December 31, 2007, your payment can be rolled over to a Roth IRA subject to the same limits that apply to rollovers from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA (i.e., for tax years prior to January 1, 2010, your adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$100,000 and you must not be married filing separately). An "eligible employer plan" includes a plan qualified under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, including a 401(k) plan, profit-sharing plan, defined benefit plan, stock bonus plan, and money purchase plan; a section 403(a) annuity plan; a section 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity; and an eligible section 457(b) plan maintained by a governmental employer (governmental 457 plan).

An eligible employer plan is not legally required to accept a rollover. Before you decide to roll over your payment to another employer plan, you should find out whether the plan accepts rollovers and, if so, the types of distributions it accepts as a rollover. You should also find out about any documents that are required to be completed before the receiving plan will accept a rollover. Even if an eligible employer plan accepts rollovers, it might not accept rollovers of certain types of distributions, such as after-tax amounts. If this is the case, and your distribution includes after-tax amounts, you may wish instead to roll your distribution over to an IRA or split your rollover amount between the employer plan in which you will participate and an IRA. If an eligible employer plan accepts your rollover, the plan may restrict subsequent distributions of the rollover amount or may require your spouse's consent for any subsequent distribution. A subsequent distribution from the plan that accepts your rollover may also be subject to different tax treatment than distributions from this Plan. Check with the administrator of the plan that is to receive your rollover prior to making the rollover.

If you have additional questions after reading this notice, you can contact TRF at (888) 286-3544.

SUMMARY

There are two ways you may be able to receive a Plan payment that is eligible for rollover:

- 1) Certain payments can be made directly to an IRA that you establish or to an eligible employer plan that will accept it and hold it for your benefit ("DIRECT ROLLOVER"); or
- 2) The payment can be PAID TO YOU.

If you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan:

- Your payment will not be taxed in the current year and no income tax will be withheld.
- You choose whether your payment will be made directly to your traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts your rollover. Your payment cannot be rolled over to a Roth IRA (see the special rules for rollovers to Roth IRAs below), a SIMPLE IRA, or a Coverdell Education Savings Account because these are not traditional IRAs.
- The taxable portion of your payment will be taxed later when you take it out of the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan. Depending on the type of plan, the later distribution may be subject to different tax treatment than it would be if you received a taxable distribution from this Plan.

Note that for a distribution made after December 31, 2007, you can choose a direct rollover to a Roth IRA subject to the same limits that apply to rollovers from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA (i.e., for tax years prior to January 1, 2010, your adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$100,000 and you must not be married filing separately). If you make a direct rollover of your distribution to a Roth IRA, the amount of your distribution will be included in your taxable income (except for any portion of the distribution that represents a return of your after-tax contributions to the Plan). You may be able to elect to delay recognizing the distribution as part of your taxable income until 2011 and 2012 if you elect a direct rollover to a Roth IRA in the 2010 taxable year. A direct rollover of your distribution to a Roth IRA avoids the 10% tax on early distributions received prior to the date you reach age 59-1/2, become disabled, or retire under the terms of the Plan. You should consult your tax advisor if you are interested in rolling over your distribution to a Roth IRA.

If you choose to have a Plan payment that is eligible for rollover PAID TO YOU:

- You will receive only 80% of the taxable amount of the payment, because the Plan Administrator is required to withhold 20% of that amount and send it to the IRS as income tax withholding to be credited against your taxes.
- The taxable amount of your payment will be taxed in the current year unless you roll it over. Under limited circumstances, you may be able to use special tax rules that could reduce the tax you owe. However, if you receive the payment before age 59-1/2, you may have to pay an additional 10% tax. See special note below for qualified public safety employees.
- You can roll over all or part of the payment by paying it to your IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts your rollover within 60 days after you receive the payment. The amount rolled over to a traditional IRA or eligible employer plan will not be taxed until you take it out of the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan.
- If you want to roll over 100% of the payment to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan, you must find other money to replace the 20% of the taxable portion that was withheld. If you roll over only the 80% that you received, you will be taxed on the 20% that was withheld and that is not rolled over.

Qualified Public Safety Employees. On and after August 18, 2006, if you are a "qualified public safety employee" who terminates employment in the calendar year in which you are age 50 or older, and receive an eligible rollover distribution, you will not have to pay the additional 10% tax on a payment that is eligible for rollover and PAID TO YOU. You are a "qualified public safety employee" if you are an employee of a State or political subdivision of a State who provides police protection, fire-fighting services, or emergency medical services for an area within the jurisdiction of the State or political subdivision.

Qualified Reservist Distribution. If you are a "qualified reservist" on active duty, who takes a withdrawal after September 11, 2001, of all or part of your contributions from a deemed IRA or your elective deferrals under a 401(k) plan or 403(b) annuity, you will not have to pay the additional 10% tax on a payment that is eligible for rollover and PAID TO YOU. You are a "qualified reservist" if you are a reservist or national guardsman ordered or called to duty after September 11, 2001, and before December 31, 2007, for a period in excess of 179 days or for an indefinite period. You may repay a qualified reservist distribution to a traditional IRA (i) at any time during the two (2) year period after the end of active duty, or (ii) by August 17, 2008, if later.

Your Right to Waive the 30-Day Notice Period. Generally, neither a direct rollover nor a payment can be made from the plan until at least 30 days after your receipt of this notice. Thus, after receiving this notice, you have at least 30 days to consider whether or not to have your withdrawal directly rolled over. If you do not wish to wait until this 30-day notice period ends before your election is processed, you may waive the notice period by making an affirmative election indicating whether or not you wish to make a direct rollover. Your withdrawal will then be processed in accordance with your election as soon as practical after it is received by the Plan Administrator.

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I. PAYMENTS THAT CAN AND CANNOT BE ROLLED OVER

Payments from the Plan may be "eligible rollover distributions." This means that they can be rolled over to a traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts rollovers, or beginning January 1, 2008, they can be rolled over to a Roth IRA. Payments from a plan cannot be rolled over to a SIMPLE IRA or a Coverdell Education Savings Account. Your Plan administrator should be able to tell you what portion of your payment is an eligible rollover distribution.

After-tax Contributions. If you made after-tax contributions to the Plan, these contributions may be rolled into either a traditional IRA or to certain employer plans that accept rollovers of the after-tax contributions. The following rules apply:

(a) *Rollover into a Traditional IRA*. You can roll over your after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA either directly or indirectly. Your plan administrator should be able to tell you how much of your payment is the taxable portion and how much is the after-tax portion.

If you roll over after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA, it is your responsibility to keep track of, and report to the Service on the applicable forms, the amount of these after-tax contributions. This will enable the nontaxable amount of any future distributions from the traditional IRA to be determined.

Once you roll over your after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA, those amounts CANNOT later be rolled over to an employer plan.

(b) Rollover into an Employer Plan. Beginning January 1, 2007, you can roll over after-tax contributions from an employer plan that is qualified under Code section 401(a) to another such plan or to a Code section 403(b) annuity contract using a direct rollover if such other plan or annuity contract provides separate accounting for amounts rolled over, including separate accounting for the after-tax employee contributions and earnings on those contributions. If you want to roll over your after-tax contributions to an employer plan that accepts these rollovers, you cannot have the after-tax contributions paid to you first. You must instruct the Plan Administrator of this Plan to make a direct rollover on your behalf. You can also roll over after-tax contributions from an employer plan that is qualified under Code section 401(a) to a traditional IRA; however, you cannot first roll over after-tax contributions to a governmental 457 plan.

The following types of payments *cannot* be rolled over:

Payments Spread over Long Periods. You cannot roll over a payment if it is part of a series of equal (or almost equal) payments that are made at least once a year and that will last for:

- your lifetime (or a period measured by your life expectancy), or
- your lifetime and your beneficiary's lifetime (or a period measured by your joint life expectancies), or
- a period of 10 years or more.

Required Minimum Payments. Beginning when you reach age 70-1/2 or retire, whichever is later, a certain portion of your payment cannot be rolled over because it is a "required minimum payment" that must be paid to you. Special rules apply if you own more than 5% of your employer.

Hardship Distributions. A hardship distribution cannot be rolled over.

Corrective Distributions. A distribution that is made to correct a failed nondiscrimination test or because legal limits on certain contributions were exceeded cannot be rolled over.

II. DIRECT ROLLOVER

A DIRECT ROLLOVER is a direct payment of the amount of your Plan benefits to an IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it. You can choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER of all or any portion of your payment that is an eligible rollover distribution, as described in Part I above. Except a direct rollover to a Roth IRA on or after January 1, 2008, you are not taxed on any taxable portion of your payment for which you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER until you later take it out of the traditional IRA or eligible employer plan. In addition, no income tax withholding is required for any taxable portion of your Plan benefits for which you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER. This Plan might not let you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER if your distributions for the year are less than \$200.

DIRECT ROLLOVER to an IRA. You can open a traditional IRA, or beginning January 1, 2008, a Roth IRA, to receive the direct rollover. If you choose to have your payment made directly to an IRA, contact an IRA sponsor (usually a financial institution) to find out how to have your payment made in a direct rollover to an IRA at that institution. If you are unsure of how to invest your money, you can temporarily establish an IRA to receive the payment. However, in choosing an IRA, you may wish to make sure that the IRA you choose will allow you to move all or a part of your payment to another IRA at a later date, without penalties or other limitations. See IRS Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements, for more information on IRAs (including limits on how often you can roll over between IRAs).

DIRECT ROLLOVER to a Plan. If you are employed by a new employer that has an eligible employer plan, and you want a direct rollover to that plan, ask the plan administrator of that plan whether it will accept your rollover. An eligible employer plan is not legally required to accept a rollover. Even if your new employer's plan does not accept a rollover, you can choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER to an IRA. If the employer plan accepts your rollover, the plan may provide restrictions on the circumstances under which you may later receive a distribution of the rollover amount or may require spousal consent to any subsequent distribution. Check with the plan administrator of that plan before making your decision.

DIRECT ROLLOVER of a Series of Payments. If you receive a payment that can be rolled over to an IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it, and it is paid in a series of payments for less than 10 years, your choice to make or not make a DIRECT ROLLOVER for a payment will apply to all later payments in the series until you change your election. You are free to change your election for any later payment in the series.

Change in Tax Treatment Resulting from a DIRECT ROLLOVER. The tax treatment of any payment from the eligible employer plan or IRA receiving your DIRECT ROLLOVER might be different than if you received your benefit in a taxable distribution directly from the Plan. For example, if you were born before January 1, 1936, you might be entitled to ten-year averaging or capital gain treatment, as explained below. However, if you have your benefit rolled over to a section 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, a governmental 457 plan, or an IRA in a DIRECT ROLLOVER, your benefit will no longer be eligible for that special treatment. See the sections below entitled "Additional 10% Tax if You Are under Age 59-1/2" and "Special Tax Treatment if You Were Born before January 1, 1936."

III. PAYMENT PAID TO YOU

If your payment can be rolled over (see Part I above) and the payment is made to you in cash, it is subject to 20% federal income tax withholding on the taxable portion (state tax withholding may also apply). The payment is taxed in the year you receive it unless, within 60 days, you roll it over to an IRA or an eligible employer plan that accepts rollovers. If you do not roll it over, special tax rules may apply.

Income Tax Withholding

Mandatory Withholding. If any portion of your payment can be rolled over under Part I above and you do not elect to make a DIRECT ROLLOVER, the Plan is required by law to withhold 20% of the taxable amount. This amount is sent to the IRS as federal income tax withholding. For example, if you can roll over a taxable payment of \$10,000, only \$8,000 will be paid to you because the Plan must withhold \$2,000 as income tax. However, when you prepare your income tax return for the year, unless you make a rollover within 60 days (see "Sixty-Day Rollover Option" below), you must report the full \$10,000 as a taxable payment from the Plan. You must report the \$2,000 as tax withheld, and it will be credited against any income tax you owe for the year. There will be no income tax withholding if your payments for the year are less than \$200.

Voluntary Withholding. If any portion of your payment is taxable but cannot be rolled over under Part I above, the mandatory withholding rules described above do not apply. In this case, you may elect not to have withholding apply to that portion. If you do nothing, an amount will be taken out of this portion of your payment for federal income tax withholding. To elect out of withholding, ask the Plan Administrator for the election form and related information.

Sixty-Day Rollover Option. If you receive a payment that can be rolled over under Part I above, you can still decide to roll over all or part of it to an IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts rollovers. If you decide to roll over, you must contribute the amount of the payment you received to an IRA or eligible employer plan within 60 days after you receive the payment. Unless you roll over your distribution to a Roth IRA, the portion of your payment that is rolled over will not be taxed until you take it out of the IRA or eligible employer plan. If you roll over to a Roth IRA, the distribution will be included in your taxable income for the year in which it was paid to you.

If you want to roll over a payment you received to a traditional IRA or eligible employer plan, you can roll over up to 100% of your payment (that can be rolled over as explained under Part I above), including an amount equal to the 20% of the taxable portion that was withheld. If you choose to roll over 100%, you must find other money within the 60-day period to contribute to the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan, to replace the 20% that was withheld. On the other hand, if you roll over only the 80% of the taxable portion that you received, you will be taxed on the 20% that was withheld.

Example: The taxable portion of your payment that can be rolled over under Part I above is \$10,000, and you choose to have it paid to you. You will receive \$8,000, and \$2,000 will be sent to the IRS as income tax withholding. Within 60 days after receiving the \$8,000, you may roll over the entire \$10,000 to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan. To do this, you roll over the \$8,000 you received from the Plan, and you will have to find \$2,000 from other sources (your savings, a loan, etc.). In this case, the entire \$10,000 is not taxed until you take it out of the traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan. If you roll over the entire \$10,000, when you file your income tax return you may get a refund of part or all of the \$2,000 withheld.

If, on the other hand, you roll over only \$8,000, the \$2,000 you did not roll over is taxed in the year it was withheld. When you file your income tax return, you may get a refund of part of the \$2,000 withheld. (However, any refund is likely to be larger if you roll over the entire \$10,000.)

Additional 10% Tax If You Are under Age 59-1/2. If you receive a payment before you reach age 59-1/2 and you do not roll it over, then, in addition to the regular income tax, you may have to pay an extra tax equal to 10% of the taxable portion of the payment. The additional 10% tax generally does <u>not</u> apply to (1) payments that are paid after you separate from service with your employer during or after the year you reach age 55, (2) payments that are paid because you retire due to disability, (3) payments that are paid as equal (or almost equal) payments over your life or life expectancy (or your and your beneficiary's lives or life expectancies), (4) payments that are paid directly to the government to satisfy a federal tax levy, (5) payments that are paid to an alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order, (6) payments that do not exceed the amount of your deductible medical expenses, (7) payments to a qualified public safety employee who separates from service during or after the year reaching age 50, or (8) a qualified reservist distribution from a deemed IRA or attributable to elective deferrals under a 401(k) plan or 403(b) annuity. See IRS Form 5329 for more information on the additional 10% tax.

Special Tax Treatment If You Were Born before January 1, 1936. If you receive a payment from a plan qualified under section 401(a) that can be rolled over under Part I and you do not roll it over to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan, the payment will be taxed in the year you receive it. However, if the payment qualifies as a "lump sum distribution," it may be eligible for special tax treatment. A lump sum distribution is a payment, within one year, of your entire balance under the Plan (and certain other similar plans of the employer) that is payable to you after you have reached age 59-1/2 or because you have separated from service with your employer (or, in the case of a self-employed individual, after you have reached age 59-1/2 or have become disabled). For a payment to be treated as a lump sum distribution, you must have been a participant in the plan for at least five years before the year in which you received the distribution. The special tax treatment for lump sum distributions that may be available to you is described below.

Ten-Year Averaging. If you receive a lump sum distribution and you were born before January 1, 1936, you can make a one-time election to figure the tax on the payment by using "10-year averaging" (using 1986 tax rates). Ten-year averaging often reduces the tax you owe.

Capital Gain Treatment. If you receive a lump sum distribution and you were born before January 1, 1936, and you were a participant in the Plan before 1974, you may elect to have the part of your payment that is attributable to your pre-1974 participation in the Plan taxed as long-term capital gain at a rate of 20%.

There are other limits on the special tax treatment for lump sum distributions. For example, you can generally elect this special tax treatment only once in your lifetime, and the election applies to all lump sum distributions that you receive in that same year. You may not elect this special tax treatment if you rolled amounts into this Plan from a 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity contract, a governmental 457 plan, or from an IRA not originally attributable to a qualified employer plan. If you have previously rolled over a distribution from this Plan (or certain other similar plans of the employer), you cannot use this special averaging treatment for later payments from the Plan. If you roll over your payment to an IRA, governmental 457 plan, or 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, you will not be able to use special tax treatment for later payments from that IRA, plan, or annuity. Also, if you roll over only a portion of your payment to an IRA, governmental 457 plan, or 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, this special tax treatment is not available for the rest of the payment. See IRS Form 4972 for additional information on lump sum distributions and how you elect the special tax treatment.

IV. SURVIVING SPOUSES AND ALTERNATE PAYEES

In general, the rules summarized above that apply to payments to employees also apply to payments to surviving spouses of employees and to spouses or former spouses who are "alternate payees." You are an alternate payee if your interest in the Plan results from a "qualified domestic relations order," which is an order issued by a court, usually in connection with a divorce or legal separation.

If you are a surviving spouse or an alternate payee, you may choose to have a payment that can be rolled over, as described in Part I above, paid in a DIRECT ROLLOVER to an IRA or to an eligible employer plan or paid to you. If you have the payment paid to you, you can keep it or roll it over yourself to an IRA or to an eligible employer plan. Thus, you have the same choices as the employee.

V. <u>BENEFICIARIES</u>

If you are a beneficiary other than a surviving spouse or an alternate payee and receive a distribution on or after January 1, 2007, you can choose to be paid in a DIRECT ROLLOVER to a traditional IRA, which will be treated as an inherited IRA subject to the minimum distribution rules applicable to beneficiaries. You cannot choose a direct rollover to a Roth IRA or an eligible employer plan, and you cannot roll over the payment yourself.

VI. SPECIAL RULES FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES, ALTERNATE PAYEES, AND OTHER BENEFICIARIES

If you are a surviving spouse, an alternate payee, or another beneficiary, your payment is generally not subject to the additional 10% tax described in Part III above, even if you are younger than age 59-1/2.

If you are a surviving spouse, an alternate payee, or another beneficiary, you may be able to use the special tax treatment for lump sum distributions, as described in Part III above. If you receive a payment because of the employee's death, you may be able to treat the payment as a lump sum distribution if the employee met the appropriate age requirements, whether or not the employee had 5 years of participation in the Plan.

VII. HOW TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This notice summarizes only the federal (not state or local) tax rules that might apply to your payment. The rules described above are complex and contain many conditions and exceptions that are not included in this notice. Therefore, you may want to consult with the Plan Administrator or a professional tax advisor *before* you take a payment of your benefits from your Plan. Also, you can find more specific information on the tax treatment of payments from qualified employer plans in IRS Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*, and IRS Publication 590, *Individual Retirement Arrangements*. These publications are available from your local IRS office, on the IRS's Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORMS.

